



**IN THE
UNITED STATES
PATENT AND TRADEMARK
OFFICE**

<i>Application No.</i>	09/684,383
<i>Filing Date</i>	10 October 2000
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Gertrud HOETTEN
<i>Group Art Unit</i>	1646
<i>Examiner Name</i>	P.M. Mertz
<i>Attorney Docket No.</i>	2923-120

Title of the Invention: MP121, A GROWTH/DIFFERENTIATION FACTOR OF THE TGF- β FAMILY (as amended)

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In connection with the RCE being filed concurrently herewith, Applicants hereby request an extension of time of one (1) month in which to respond. Applicants believe that a one-month period of time is appropriate since the Amendment After Final was filed within two months (as evidenced by the confirmation of Applicants' facsimile transmission and the Advisory Action mailed on October 10, 2003).

Please charge the \$55.00 extension fee to Deposit Account 02-2135. If a second month is deemed appropriate, please charge the cost of the same to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,					
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